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Fiery CIA Chief Admirable

Editor, The Pantagraph:

Marquis Childs' recent appraisal of our new CIA chief, Vice-Adm. William Raborn (Ret.), and the admiral's participation in our strong stand in the Dominican Republic, was a masterful piece of journalistic sarcasm.

Mr. Childs remarks that the "gung ho" approach used by Admiral Raborn to the crisis in the Dominican Republic "startled" other participants in the high level conference leading to the decision to send in the Marines. Maybe, just maybe, more of the President's advisors and State Department people need to be "startled" more often to shake them out of the complacent, "there's really no need to worry" attitude and face reality as it is!

MR. CHILDS COMPARES John McCone, Admiral Raborn's predecessor, as a calm and cautious man, and by contrast paints the admiral as a fire breathing "damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead" administrator.

What did calm and caution do for us in South Viet Nam or Cuba?

I think this attempt to portray Admiral Raborn as a reckless and hair-

trigger-temper individual is misleading and cruel. Is this the type of man that would have been picked to head up our Polaris submarine program? Hardly.

APPARENTLY the President agreed with Admiral Raborn that "another Cuba" was imminent in the Dominican Republic, much to the consternation of the bleeding heart pacifists and appeasers in the Congress, press, religious orders and colleges.

What does it take to wake up our people that Communist led or inspired disorders have to be met head-on with prompt, decisive and unmistakable action? I sincerely hope that the good admiral is given every opportunity to display his "temperament" every time the need arises and more importantly, that he is listened to!

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